

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An arrangement (10) for screening-off a first space from a second space and for preventing liquid from splashing outside the first space, comprising a liquid-repellent element which is displaceable between a first position screening-off the first space and an open second position, ~~e-h-a-r-a-e-t-e-r-i-s-e-d~~ comprised in

that the liquid-repellent element comprises a plurality of elongate lamellae or slats (11) mutually interconnected by the intermediary of at least one ladder (14) and displaying a first side (12), a second side (13), a first longitudinal side (18) and a second longitudinal side (19), said slats (11) being, by the intermediary of at least one operating element (15), displaceable in a vertical direction between the screening-off first position and the open second position; and

that the first side (12) of each respective slat (11) is designed with at least one projecting portion (17), said projecting portion (17) being designed for abutment against the second side (13) of an adjacent slat (11) in the open second position while forming at least one air gap (21) between adjacent slats (11).

2. (Currently Amended) The arrangement as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the projecting portion (17) is a portion of each respective slat (11) where a distance between the first side (12) and the second side (13) is larger than in remaining portions of the slat (11).

3. (Currently Amended) The arrangement as claimed in Claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the slats (11) are distributed along the ladder (14) with a mutual spacing which is less than the width of each respective slat (11) so that the first longitudinal side (18) of each respective slat (11) in the screening-off first position projects over the second longitudinal side (19) of an adjacent slat (11).

4. (Currently Amended) The arrangement as claimed in ~~any of the preceding Claims~~ claim 1, wherein the ladder (14) runs through a recess (22) in each respective slat (11), said re-cess (22) being disposed at the second longitudinal side (19) of the slats (11).
5. (Currently Amended) The arrangement as claimed in Claim 4, wherein the recess (22) projects into the slat (11) and is designed as a recess in and transversely of the second longitudinal side (19) of the slat (11) so that the ladder (14) may be moved into the recess (22) from the second longitudinal side (19).
6. (Currently Amended) The arrangement as claimed in ~~any of the preceding Claims~~ claim 1, wherein the slats (11), in the screening-off first position, are disposed with a gap (20) be-tween the first longitudinal side (18) of a first slat and the second side (13) of an adjacent second slat.
7. (Currently Amended) The arrangement as claimed in ~~any of the preceding Claims~~ claim 1, wherein ends of the slats (11) are, in the screening-off first position, disposed substantially vertically.
8. (Currently Amended) The arrangement as claimed in ~~any of the preceding Claims~~ claim 1, wherein the screening-off first position is a raised position and the open, second position is a lowered position.
9. (Currently Amended) The arrangement as claimed in ~~any of the preceding Claims~~ claim 1, wherein the first space is a shower or bath area.
10. (Currently Amended) The arrangement as claimed in ~~any of the preceding Claims~~ claim 1, wherein the arrangement comprises a liquid-repellent louvre or Venetian blind.
11. (Currently Amended) The arrangement as claimed in ~~any of the preceding Claims~~ claim 1, wherein the ladder (14) includes a cord and a device projecting transversely of the extent of the cord for abutment against the first side (12) of each respective slat (11).
12. (Currently Amended) The arrangement as claimed in ~~any of the preceding Claims~~ claim 1, wherein the slats (11) are pivotal about the ladder (14) so that they may be

pivoted about an axis which runs horizontally along the second longitudinal side (19) of the slats (11).

13. (Currently Amended) The arrangement as claimed in ~~any of the preceding Claims~~ claim 1, wherein the arrangement (10) includes a sealing strip (24) connected to the slats (11) for abutment against a substrate in the screening-off first position.

14. (Currently Amended) The arrangement as claimed in ~~any of the preceding Claims~~ claim 1, wherein the arrangement includes a coving (16) connected to the slats (11), said coving including a locking housing for locking the slats in the open, second position.

15. (Currently Amended) The arrangement as claimed in ~~any of the preceding Claims~~ claim 1, wherein the slats (11a) include a first projecting portion (17a) disposed at the first longitudinal side (18) and a second projecting portion (17b) disposed at the second longitudinal side (19).

16. (Currently Amended) The arrangement as claimed in ~~any of the preceding Claims~~ claim 1, wherein the projecting portion (17e) is disposed at a central region of each respective slat (11).

17. (Currently Amended) The arrangement as claimed in ~~any of the preceding Claims~~ claim 1, wherein the projecting portion (17h) is disposed at the second longitudinal side (19) of each respective slat (11).

18. (Currently Amended) The arrangement as claimed in ~~any of the preceding Claims~~ claim 1, the slats (11d) including a first projecting portion (17d) disposed at the first longitudinal side (18), a fourth projecting portion (17g) disposed at the second longitudinal side, a second projecting portion (17e) disposed there between, and a third projecting portion (17f) disposed between the second projecting portion (17e) and the fourth projecting portion (17g).